



Bertha Alicia Padilla

January 17, 1945 - October 13, 2022

“To describe my mother would be to write about a hurricane in its perfect power.” -Maya Angelou

Bertha A. Padilla passed away on October 13, 2022 at the age of 77, in Merced, California. She is survived by her four children, Ali Padilla, Veronica Padilla, Andrea Padilla-Rosas (Guillermo) and Salvador T. Padilla.

Bertha was born in Coahuila, Mexico and raised in Michigan. She moved to Chowchilla, California in April of 1980, where she and her husband, Salvador, raised their four children.

Bertha was a self-proclaimed Domestic Engineer. She was a true homemaker - there were no pre-cut veggies in her kitchen. She enjoyed reading and introduced her children to public libraries at a young age. Bertha also loved watching professional ice skating and tennis. She had an affinity for classic films and shared this passion with her children. She knew her pop culture and often schooled her kids on musical artists, which they found cool and humorous. Bertha never left the house without her signature lipstick and blush. She was strong, funny, feisty, charismatic, and intelligent. Fun fact: Bertha babysat Madonna when Madonna was a child. Bertha's generosity will be missed by many.

There will be no funeral services for Bertha. In her memory, the family requests that you please become an organ and blood donor.

Tribute Wall

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“ *My heart is so heavy for you all. I love you all. Ms. Padilla is so sweet & an amazing cook.*

Heather Womble - October 24, 2022 at 01:04 AM

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“ *I am saddened to hear about your loss. My heart hurts for you all. May God pour strength upon you during this painful time. Much love*
- Teresa (Glasco) Keeton

Teresa Keeton - October 20, 2022 at 03:29 PM